

Appl. No. 10/604,869
Amdt. dated 11/08/2005
Reply to Office action of 07/29/2005

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action of July 29, 2005 claim 5 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim and it was acknowledged that it "would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims."


Applicant respectfully cancels claim 5 herein and rewrites base claim 1 to include the limitation of claim 5. Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 1 and dependent claims 6 and 7 are in condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully requests that the examiner enter the amendment, withdraw the rejections and objection and issue a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,
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